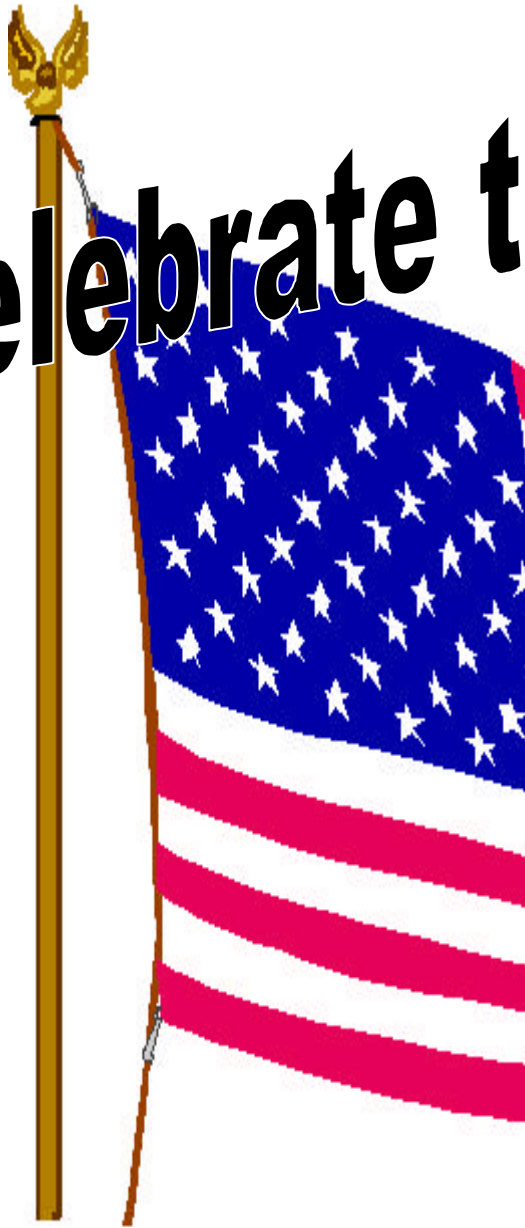


# **Celebrate the Army's**



**225th Birthday and Flag Day**  
**June 14, 2000**

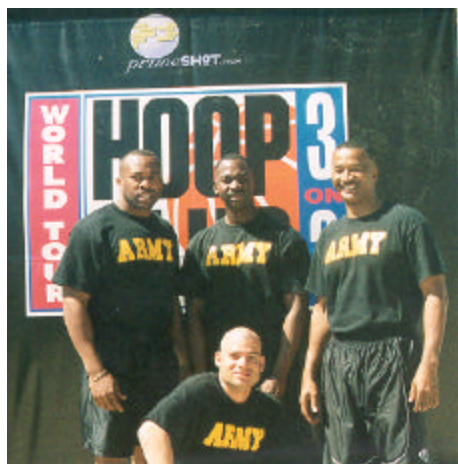
# Jax Company BULLDOG



## HOOP IT UP 2000



SFC Tracy Glover displays a classic NBA move.



The Team

SSG Nicholas Joy, SSG Earnest Matthews and SFC Hawthorne Herbert. They made the ground and their opponents sweat with their aggressive moves. The team showed fierceness and determination during both days of competition.

The contest was so hot on the second day that one of the opponent's members was ejected from the game. A scoring technicality eliminated our team from the play-offs but they still represented the Army with a winning spirit and professional sportsmanship.

**T**housands of die-hard basketball fans cheered on hundreds of players who filled more than 50 courts on the Alltel Stadium parking lots during the national Hoop It Up basketball tour in Jacksonville March 11 and 12.

Street teams of 10-year-olds, male and female teens, and adults 30 and over, strapped on their Air Jordans, Nikes and Reeboks and shot it out for a chance to play in the winner's circle.

The competition was tough. Jacksonville Battalion was represented by SFC Tracy Glover,





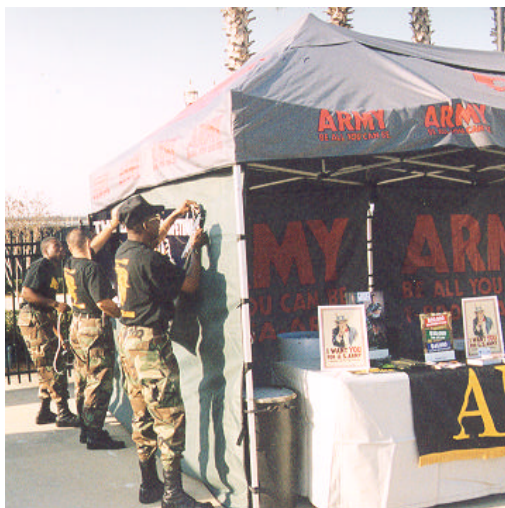
While the games were going on our recruiters kept the Army tent busy talking with prospects and COIs. SSG Edward Barker solicited help from the 345<sup>th</sup> Medical Hospital in the form of a HMMV (below right) which added to our presence near the play-off court.



SFC Anna Minor and DEP Terrence Rogers.



SSG Barker speaks with prospects.



Home team puts final touches on tent.



Meet you next year, Bubba!

# Quarterly Awards

*First Quarter FY2000 Mini ATC at the Sun Spree Hotel*



*TIFTON – TOP OPSC STATION FIRST QTR*



*OCALA – TOP LPSC STATION, FIRST QTR.*





## ***GAINESVILLE – TOP COMPANY, FIRST QTR.***

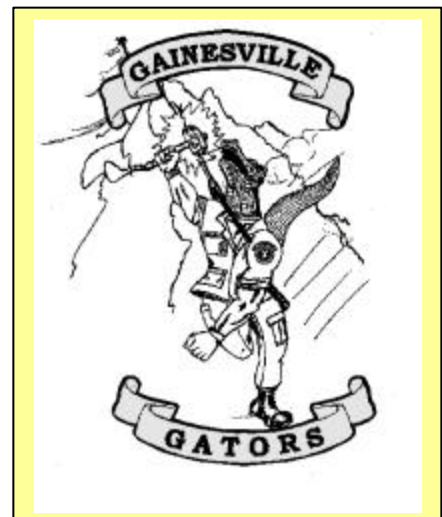


LTC Esarey presents Top Company streamer to Gainesville  
1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Kevin Stickel.

# **Gainesville**

100% stations boxed

1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 00



*SSG LAVAN ALSTON  
TOP RA RECRUITER  
BRUNSWICK*



*SFC JUAN PAUNETTO  
TOP USAR RECRUITER  
GAINESVILLE*



*SFC PAUL WILLIAMS  
STATION CMDR OF THE QTR  
ALBANY*



## **SOLDIERS OF THE**

*SSG EDWARD BARKER  
JACKSONVILLE WEST*



*SSG ROBERT SIPE  
TALLAHASSEE NORTH*



*SSG MARLIN DONALDSON  
NEPTUNE BEACH*



Photos not available: SFC Phillip Simmons, Guidance Counselor of the Qtr.  
SSG Keith Mills, Recruiter of the Qtr., Jacksonville West





**Daytona Beach gets its props from the BLT.**



**SFC Daniel Tompkins is congratulated by CSM Martinez for his work at Waycross.**



**Cpl. Steven Kemp, Savannah**



**SSG Gilberto Marquez, Rockledge**



**SSG Reginald Douglas, Rockledge**



**SSG Clifford Bell, Lake**



**Melbourne gets its just desserts.**



## Quarter Box Stations

1<sup>st</sup> OTR 2000



**Chiefland**



**Hinesville**



**Savannah**



**Tifton**





**Rockledge**



**Palatka**



**Jacksonville North**



**SSG Shelby Burroughs, Tallahassee North**



**Brunswick**



## *Promotions, Awards and Re-enlistments*



New E-8 Kelly Hermening with wife, Kyong-Ae.



LTC Esarey makes SSG Johnathan Allen's re-enlist official.



SFC Charrone Pittman, Eau Gallie, receives E7 rank from Gen. Gaddis and 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Broger.



Gen. Gaddis presents Lester Parker with the Civilian of the Quarter award.

CSM Martinez and Lt. Col. Esarey accept Second Brigade Awards from Col. Hays and BG. Cooper, respectively.







**PV2 Hickox of Nassau County earned an AAM for his HRAP work at Jacksonville North.**



**Sue Wilfong joined her mother-in-law, Hella, and father-in-law, CSM (retired) Norman Wilfong, during the promotion ceremony of her husband, Maj. Andrew Wilfong, at the battalion headquarters.**



**SFC Michael Cronin gets his E7 rocker.**



**SSG Alston takes re-enlistment oath from CPT Franklin Byrd.**



**One of the best S1 shops in Second Recruiting Brigade.**

**Join the Battalion  
May 5, 2000  
at  
Camp Blanding  
for our annual  
Organizational Day  
Activities begin at 10 a.m.**

# What we've been doing

Gen. Gaddis visits...







**Jacksonville Company displays colors at Jaguar game.**

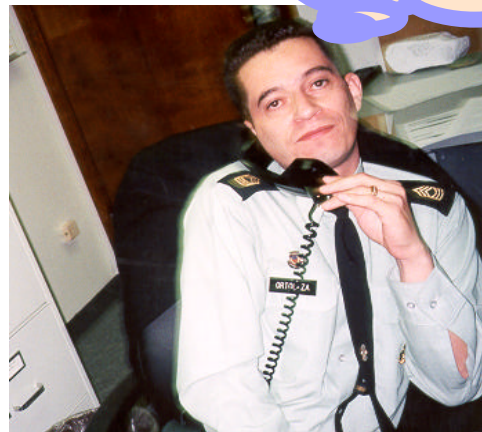


**Jaguar crowd enjoys drop-in entertainment before game.**



**SFC Busby sets guidelines at JROTC competition.**

*See you at Camp Blanding?*



**Where in the recruiting world is MSG Ortolazo?**

Jacksonville Company station commanders, under the leadership of Capt. David Levine, met with John C. Fryer, Jr., Duval County school superintendent to discuss Army enlistment programs.





## Local jocks rock in basic

*SSG Dirk Pepperd escorted the dee-jays to Fort Benning where they linked up with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 38<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment and y participated in several basic training events with the soldiers.*

SSG Dirk Pepperd, Jacksonville North, helped two local radio personalities get a taste of Army basic training last month. Through his efforts Josh Klinger and Lee “Leemon” Adams of Planet Radio, 93.3 WPLA-FM, strapped on rucksacks, marched in Army boots, painted their faces and got a taste of CS gas. The infamous duo spent three days at the Fort Benning Infantry School fulfilling a desire that Klinger has had since July of last year when he first met SSG Pepperd. The dream was to see what it’s really like to train to be a soldier.



**Klinger applies camo to Leemon at the start of their stint on FTX.**



**SSG Pepperd helps “Leemon” adjust his gear.**



**Klinger receives instruction on the bayonet assault course.**

“It’s been eye-opening,” said Adams. “You see it on TV and you hear stuff, but when you’re out there even for the period of time that we were out there, you get to see it come to life and be a part of it. It’s something,” he said.

During their training the pair ate MREs along with SSG Pepperd (right), fired an M-16, M-203 and the SAW. The unexpected introduction to CS gas during a field training exercise left Klinger and Leemon with stinging tongues, eyes and throats. Besides getting the hands-on experience, Adams said he gained a new perspective on what the military is all about.

“The seven Army values are impressive,” he said. “You walk by it the first day and think, ‘Hey, that’s their code.’ Then you walk by again after busting your butt, it puts a whole new meaning to the job that they are training for.” Adams says this three-day basic training has helped him have a new respect for the Army. (Portions excerpted from Fort Benning Bayonet, story by Spc. Michael Maddox)





## SURVIVOR SPOTLIGHT: Belinda Gibbs

After visiting Cumberland Island on vacation, Belinda Gibbs and her husband decided they wanted to move somewhere nearby the island and eventually retire. They ended up selecting St Mary's, Georgia as their new home, which was an ideal location for Belinda's husband as he traveled back and forth to Port Jackson, South Carolina where he was stationed.

In August 1998, Belinda Gibbs underwent a life altering experience. Belinda, who had just been diagnosed with throat cancer, began receiving radiation therapy twice a day at First Coast Oncology Nassau.

"It was wonderful to learn about a new facility opening close to St Mary's and since I had to begin receiving treatment six hours apart, it was very convenient for me and my family," stated Gibbs.

Her husband was able to move back and work in Jacksonville so he could be closer to his wife and two children. He stayed by her side as she went through treatment. Soon after she ended her treatment, Belinda took a turn for the worse.

"On October 23rd, I went into a coma and my entire body became paralyzed." Belinda spent a month in this state, not remembering any of the activities or experiences that took place during this time. After waking up from the coma, she began to go to therapy to try to gain some strength. She spent two weeks at St Vincent's Medical Center and two weeks at Green Cove Springs where she learned to do everything all over again-walking talking eating etc.

"I woke up and thought it was Halloween. I was completely unconscious for a month and it was hard to adjust to my new condition."

Things got a little scary in May 1999, when Belinda thought she had stomach cancer. It ended up being problems with her spleen and she was able to have it removed. Since then, she has been working towards a full recovery. She is learning to eat well and is working with a speech pathologist on her speech patterns. "I am now thankful I can talk, where as before I took it for granted. People don't realize what they have until it is gone and I appreciate my life to its fullest."

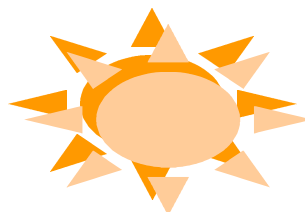
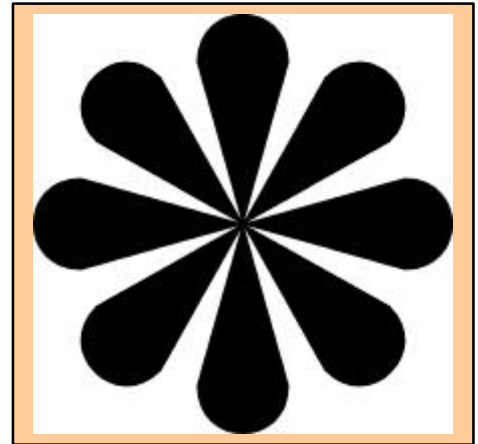
Belinda credits her survival to the "good Lord," her doctors and her husband, who she refers to as her "lifeline." Everyday she would say a prayer, "Good Lord, let me live. Thank you for giving me a chance to be alive."

She also made a point of thanking her husband as often as she could. His response was always, "Why are you thanking me? You are the one that had to go through this."

The hardest thing Belinda finds to do is drinking water and eating healthy. She lost 124 pounds originally, going from 234 to 110 lbs. Now she is back up to 135 lbs. and plans on working on increasing her strength and appetite. She believes it is important to maintain a strong belief and a positive attitude.

One word of advice she gives is to never let any medical problem go by too long before getting it checked. "If something seems wrong or different, have it checked on so you can catch it before it gets serious."

Ms. Gibbs is currently volunteering with the Family Support Group in the battalion.  
*(Excerpted from Moving Forward magazine, written by Angel Passailaigue, Spring 2000)*



## Welcome to our new recruiters



**SFC Johnny Fuentes  
DeLand**



**SFC Leslie Castille  
Statesboro**



**CPL Jeremy White  
Rockledge**



**CPL Raymond Earle  
Savannah**



**CPL Colette Mayers  
Beaufort**



**SGT Luis Alicea  
Daytona**



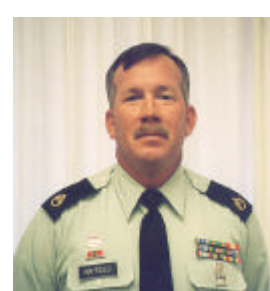
**SGT Truman Guice  
Orange Park**



**SGT Jason Hopkins  
Thomasville**



**1<sup>st</sup> SGT Juan Torres  
Daytona Company**



**SSG Gary Rayfield  
Palatka**



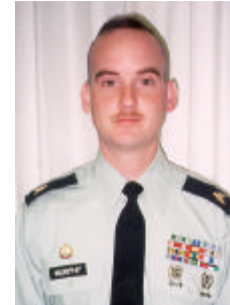
**SSG Melvin Ziegler  
Statesboro**



**SSG Willard Holland, Jr.  
Rockledge**



**CPT Royce Edington  
Operations**



**SGT John Murphy  
Valdosta**



**SSG Carl Green  
Eau Gallie**



**SGT Jason Cvikich  
Tifton**



**SSG Shawn Arrance  
Jacksonville South**



**SGT Michael Forcier  
Rockledge**



## The United States Army Field Band

# *The Volunteers*

"Hey now, you're an all-star..."

That's what The Volunteers, a branch of the United States Army Field Band, told an audience of Wolfson High School freshmen, sophomores, and seniors last month. The students seemed a little apprehensive as they settled into the morning assembly not knowing what to expect from an Army band. But were they surprised.



SFC Wells leads musical Pledge of Allegiance.



SFC Kadish gives singing lessons.

What began with a patriotic salute to our country's flag by lead vocalist SFC Timothy Wells turned into a 50-minute musical journey through contemporary, pop, country, rhythm and blues, and "old school" medleys.

The five-piece band is the U.S. Army's premier touring show band performing at venues like the Indianapolis 500 as well as to audiences in Belgium and Nicaragua. The band is headquartered at Fort Meade and is currently under the directorship of SGM Jesse Powers, the bassist in the band. The other members of the band are MSG Parris Spivey, guitar, SSG Brian Lutz, drums, and SFC Kirk Kadish, keyboards. The Jacksonville South recruiting station host, SSG Tobias Grant, made sure that these students got a chance to experience another aspect of what being in the Army can mean.

As the band wafted through the Back Street Boys, Ricky Martin and R. Kelly, the student's voices filled the auditorium with cheers and singing-along. The Volunteers had won them over and as one student said, "I didn't expect anything like this. It was really good."

As they brought their mini-concert to an end SGM Powers brought the message of their goal full circle. He encouraged the students to stay in school, graduate, and consider the Army as a place where they can build a bright and exciting future.



SFC Wells invites a student to a little country swing.



The music appealed to everyone.



Students hit the stage to dance La Vida Loca.

## **June 14th: The Birthday of the U.S. Army**

The following is an excerpt from the description of the birth of the U.S. Army from Robert Wright, *The Continental Army* (Washington, D.C., Center of Military History, 1983), pp. 23-24:



**June 14** is the date Congress adopted ‘the American continental army’ after reaching a consensus position in The Committee of the Whole. This procedure and the desire for secrecy account for the sparseness of the official journal entries for the day. The record indicates only that Congress undertook to raise ten companies of riflemen, approved an enlistment form for them, and appointed a committee (including Washington and Schuyler) to draft rules and regulations for the government of the army. The delegates’ correspondence, diaries, and subsequent actions make it clear that they really did much more. They also accepted responsibility for the existing New England troops and forces requested for the defense of the various points in New York. The former were believed to total 10,000 men; the latter, both New Yorkers and Connecticut men, another 5,000.

At least some members of Congress assumed from the beginning that this force would be expanded. That expansion, in the form of increased troop ceilings at Boston, came very rapidly as better information arrived regarding the actual numbers of New England troops. By the third week in June delegates were referring to 15,000 at Boston. When on 19 June Congress requested the governments of Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire to forward to Boston “such of the forces as are already embodied, towards their quotas of the troops agreed to be raised by the New England Colonies,” it gave a clear indication of its intent to adopt the regional army. Discussions the next day indicated that Congress was prepared to support a force at Boston twice the size of the British garrison, and that it was unwilling to order any existing units to be disbanded. By the first week in July delegates were referring to a total at Boston that was edging toward 20,000. Maximum strengths for the forces, both in Massachusetts and New York, were finally established on 21 and 22 July, when solid information was on hand. These were set, respectively, at 22,000 and 5,000 men, a total nearly double that envisioned on 14 June.

The ‘expert riflemen’ authorized on 14 June were the first units raised directly as Continentals. Congress intended to have the ten companies serve as a light infantry force for the Boston siege. At the same time it symbolically extended military participation beyond New England by allocating six of the companies to Pennsylvania, two to Maryland, and two to Virginia. Each company would have a captain, three lieutenants, four sergeants, four corporals, a drummer (or horn player), and 68 privates. The enlistment period was set at one year, the norm for the earlier Provincials, a period that would expire on 1 July 1776.



## **The Birth Of Flag Day**

The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's 'birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. B.J. Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of the Stars and Stripes) as 'Flag Birthday'. In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as 'Flag Birthday', or 'Flag Day'.

On June 14, 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, planned appropriate ceremonies for the children of his school, and his idea of observing Flag Day was later adopted by the State Board of Education of New York. On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration, and on June 14 of the following year, the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution celebrated Flag Day.

Following the suggestion of Colonel J. Granville Leach (at the time historian of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution), the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America on April 25, 1893, adopted a resolution requesting the mayor of Philadelphia and all others in authority and all private citizens to display the flag on June 14th. Leach went on to recommend that thereafter the day be known as 'Flag Day', and on that day, school children be assembled for appropriate exercises, with each child being given a small flag.

Two weeks later on May 8th, the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution unanimously endorsed the action of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames. As a result of the resolution, Dr. Edward Brooks, then Superintendent of Public Schools of Philadelphia, directed that Flag Day exercises be held on June 14, 1893, in Independence Square. School children were assembled, each carrying a small flag, and patriotic songs were sung and addresses delivered.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the flag be displayed on all public buildings. With B.J. Cigrand and Leroy Van Horn as the moving spirits, the Illinois organization, known as the American Flag Day Association, was organized for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises. On June 14th, 1894, under the auspices of this association, the first general public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held in Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks, with more than 300,000 children participating.

Adults, too, participated in patriotic programs. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, delivered a 1914 Flag Day address in which he repeated words he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.